

# Building the evidence base for democracy and development



Project Title	Building the evidence base for democracy and development
Project Summary	Use your quantitative and data visualization skills to influence policy and improve practitioner access to evidence by researching questions on democracy, human rights, and governance.
Country	United States

## Project Description

Contribute to evidence-based international development programming by working with the Learning Division of USAID's Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG Center). The DRG Center's Learning Division is seeking up to four VSFS e-interns to work on doing research, analysis, and communication of evidence. Some tasks will relate to literature review and communication activities around the DRG Center Learning Agenda (<https://usaidlearninglab.org/library/usaids-dr-2017-learning-agenda>). There will also be opportunities to do quantitative data analysis with existing cross-national data sets such as V-Dem. This is a relatively high impact internship: the work of past VSFS e-interns in the Learning Division of the DRG Center has contributed to high-level briefings and agency-wide decisions about data and metrics. Interns will also have the opportunity to explore particular research topics of interest to them in consultation with DRG Center or other USAID staff who work on that topic. Additionally, DRG Learning Division staff with experience in both academia and international development will provide high quality mentoring to the e-interns on research, writing for policy audiences, and professional development.

We are looking for candidates who are currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program in the social sciences and have one or more of the following skills: quantitative data analysis and statistics (familiarity with STATA or SPSS and relevant data sources such as V-Dem is a bonus); multi-media science communications (video/audio, infographic design, data visualization); research experience on topics closely related to DRG or in countries where USAID works; deep familiarity with research on social and behavior change communications. Exceptional undergraduates and Master's level students who have these skills may also be considered.

## Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
<u>Analytical writing</u>
<u>Data analysis</u>

Data visualization  
Infographic design

## **Additional Information**

In your application, the more information you can give us about relevant experience and skills related to conducting and communicating research, the stronger your application will be. We will be looking to see if you directly address any of the requirements in our description. Thank you for considering us!

## **Language Requirements**

*None*